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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) Method for the removal of tissue from a body cavity, comprising inserting into said cavity a device having a mechanical element for cutting and detaching said tissue, introducing a fluid into said cavity, discharging fluid with detached tissue along a first path, and discharging substantially only fluid along a second path, said discharge along said second path being regulated to control pressure in said body cavity.

Please add claim 38.

--38. (New) Method for the removal of tissue from a body cavity, comprising inserting a device into said cavity for cutting and detaching said tissue, introducing a fluid into said cavity, discharging fluid with detached tissue along a first path, and

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